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**Amendments to the specification:**

*Please delete the paragraph starting with "Systems and methods consistent with..." at page 2, line 11 and ending with "...telephone number of the called party." at page 2, line 20 and replace with the following amended paragraph:*

--Systems and methods consistent with the present invention address this and other needs by providing functionality within a computer that recognizes ~~telephones~~ telephone numbers among characters entered into an electronic document and further permits a calling party to initiate a call with a party associated with the telephone number. Call initiation is achieved using a computer input device, such as a mouse, by positioning a pointer over a telephone number displayed in an electronic document and selecting the ~~input device~~ telephone number (e.g., "clicking" the mouse). After selection of the telephone number, the computer formulates a message containing the telephone number and a calling party number that can be used to establish a connection between a telephone associated with a calling party and a telephone associated with the telephone number of the called party.--